GangNet is solely for criminal justice intelligence and investigatory purposes.

Red Counties are covered by the western node

Blue counties are covered by the eastern node

As of February 19, 2008 there are 147 law enforcement agencies actively trained and using NC GangNet in 55 of the state's 100 counties. Coverage of Forsyth county agencies is being transferred to the western node for geographic consistency.

The Way GangNet Works

Funded through grants from the Governor's Crime Commission GangNet has been available in Durham for several years. Durham was granted the primary license for the software and database by the vendor with annual licensing costs for Durham and any agencies that were added on. However, in 2006 the GCC pledged to develop GangNet statewide making it free to law enforcement and the North Carolina Department of Correction (DOC). The GCC determined there should be three nodes , or entry jurisdictions, with one central node to be stored on a dedicated server at the Fusion Center of the State Bureau of Investigation. The Durham County Sheriff's Office houses the server for counties in the eastern part of the state while the Charlotte Mecklenburg Police house the server for the western part of the state.

These servers and databases are maintained by the respective agencies housing them. Both the eastern and western nodes upload several times a day to the central server. In phase two, the DOC data for security threat groups (STG) that has been gathered will be mapped from their OPUS database into the GangNet database via routine transfers to maintain current information. This will insure that DOC data may continue to be input into their OPUS system and that selected data from their system will be copied into NC GangNet. When this is complete, any gang member or security threat group member who has been entered into the system during the previous five years can be queried for many forms of intelligence information from any member agency account.

NC GangNet is a secure web based application utilizing a web interface for entry into a database allowing for real-time data to be available to other member agencies. Proper training is required for individuals before